

## BLONDIE



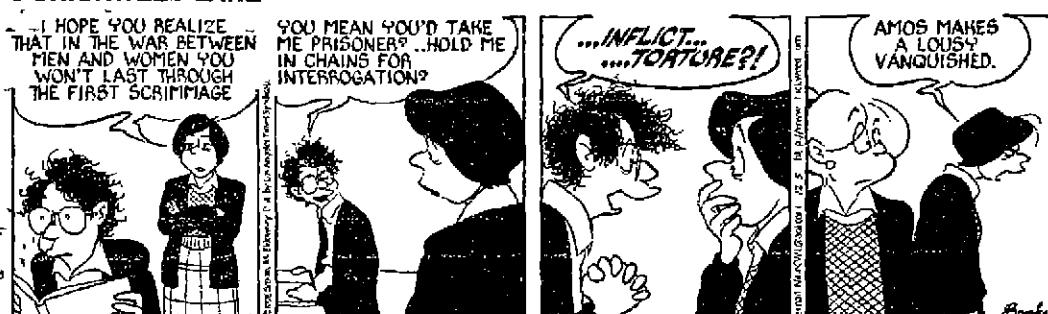
## SALLY FORTH



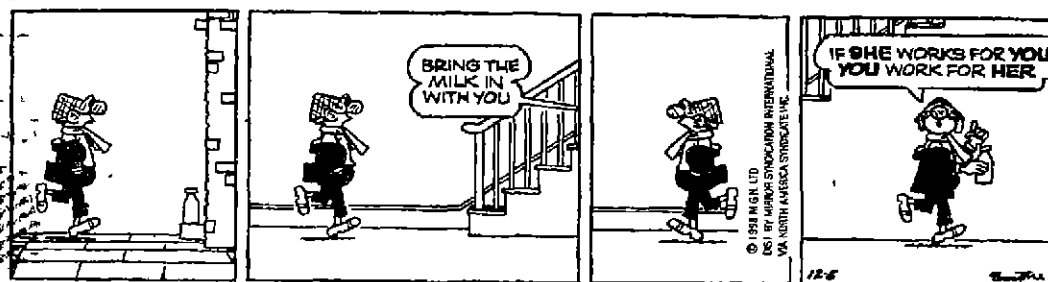
## THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



## 9 CHICKWEED LANE



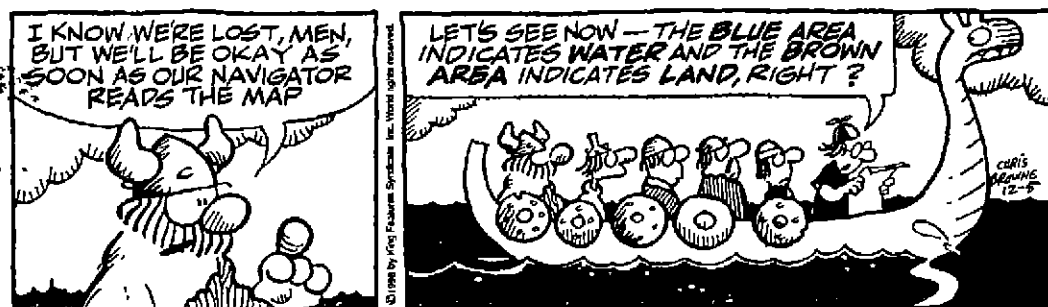
## ANDY CAPP



## ROSE IS ROSE



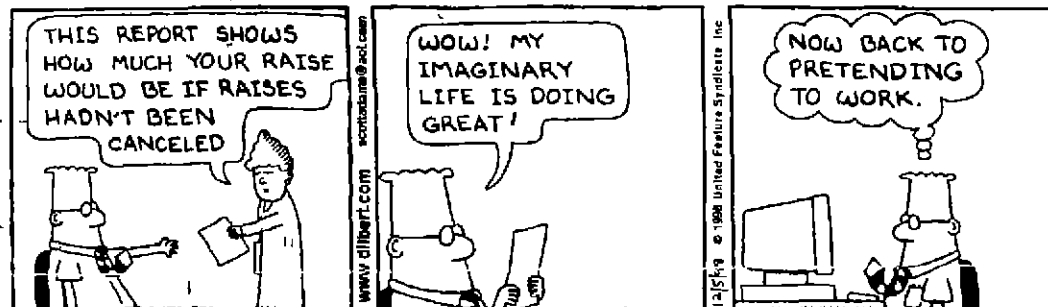
## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



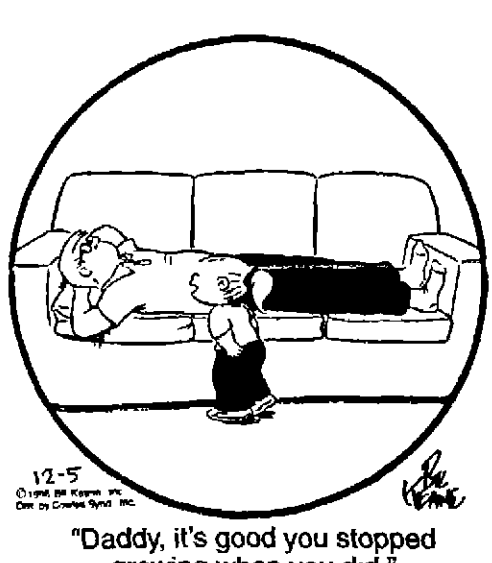
## DILBERT



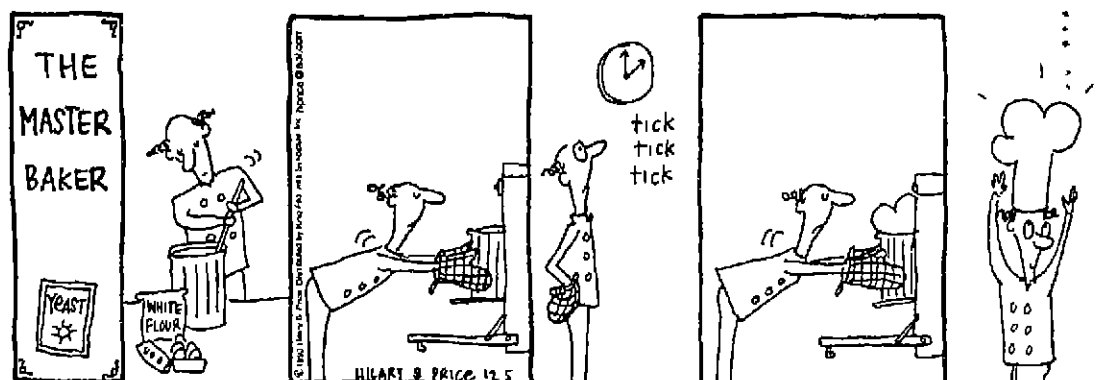
## DENNIS THE MENACE



## FAMILY CIRCUS



## RHYMES WITH ORANGE



## RALPH



## Today's Birthdays

Senate President Pro Tempore Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., is 96  
Singer Little Richard is 68  
Author Joan Didion is 64  
Author Calvin Trillin is 63  
Musician J. J. Cale is 60  
Actor Jerroen Krabbe is 54  
Pop singer Jim Messina is 51  
Actress Morgan Brittany is 47  
Actress Carrie Hamilton is 35  
Country singer Ty England is 35  
Rock singer-musician John Rzeznick (The Goo Goo Dolls) is 33

## I NEED HELP



Birth of a pessimist.

## SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 70-80 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 12-6-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

RACK 1: T, D, L, P, I, A, E

RACK 2: V, R, B, A, E, E, A

RACK 3: S, D, W, T, T, E, E

RACK 4: L, O, U, G, N, C, N

For solution, see Classified

## HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, Dec. 6, 1998

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You may feel like your emotions are running away with you.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) It's time to lay all your cards on the table, preferably during a candlelit dinner.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Money is the center of your universe at the moment. Be thrifty instead.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Be good to yourself.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) If you feel close to emotional overload, go back to bed.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Your social butterfly emerges from its chrysalis.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Intellectual connections will be difficult, if not impossible, to establish.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You're probably having a tough time paying attention, daydreams and reveries impede your focus.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) It's a good time to practice keeping your mouth shut.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) It's critical to look before leaping. Even seemingly minor decisions could lead to wide-reaching consequences.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Despite your cool, detached demeanor, raving hotheads and weepy supplicants keep showing up at your doorstep.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to March 20) No need to announce your winning streak to the world — your good fortune is obvious to everyone.

## WORD SLEUTH

## Metallic elements

R Q N K H E B Y V S P M J H E  
B A Y V T Q O L I Y G D B Y W  
M L T R P M M K M R M I F D B  
Y U W G U S Q U U U O M K I  
F M I A D B Z X I C I W U S Q  
O I T L A B O C S R N D A E L  
N N L L L J L H E E A I O F D  
M U N I T A L P C M T B Z S C  
A M R U C C H R O M I U M Y W  
V O T M U L A T N A T S Q P N  
N L K I H F E C B Z Y W V U S

## Friday's unlisted clue: KEY WEST

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

## Saturday's unlisted clue hint: Liquid At Room Temperature

Aluminum Chromium Lead Thallium  
Barium Cobalt Platinum Titanium  
Calcium Gallium Sodium Zinc  
Cesium Iron Tantalum

For solution, see Classified.

## ACES

## By Bobby Wolff

"I couldn't overcome the bad club break," explained a frustrated South. "I guess a 3-2 break would have been too much to ask for on a bad day." "diamond" to his king to repeat the club play, and this time East took dummy's queen. East's heart return went to South's king, and South had to use dummy's diamond ace to try to run the clubs. Unfortunately, they split 4-2, and dummy's clubs were good for only two tricks. South then tried for an even diamond break, but that suit was also 4-2. This left South with only eight winners, and the game fell one short. How does South virtually guarantee his game? At trick two, he should lead a low club and insert dummy's eight when West plays low. Since a duck won't help East, he wins his nine and returns a heart. South wins and leads a second club to knock out East's ace. This gives South three clubs, three hearts, two diamonds and a spade, good enough for game and rubber.

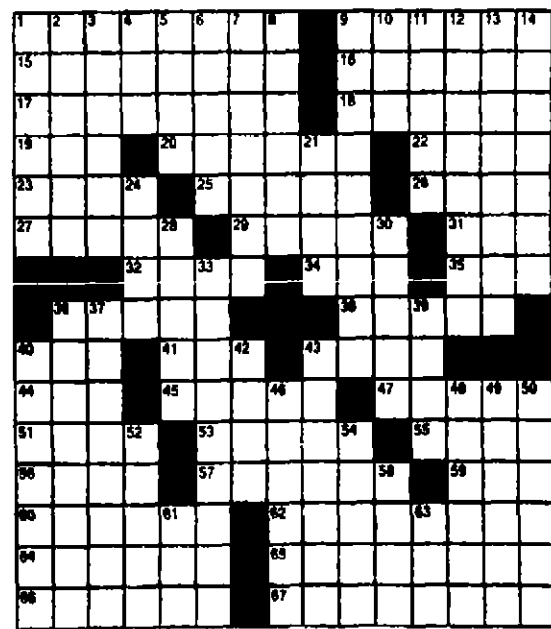
## N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 1024

- ACROSS**
- Where to find work?
  - Peace offering?
  - Freelancer's concern
  - Verdigris, for one
  - Lot
  - Began
  - Short trader?
  - Time worker
  - Yes, there is —
  - Be dependent
  - Manifest
  - Word on a wall
  - Be reluctant
  - Bump off
  - Pallid of "Welcome Back, Kotter"
  - Describe
  - Calc. display
  - Powers that be
  - Ring
  - Mash
  - "You —" (1983 hit)
  - Manage, with "out"
  - Keep from escaping
  - Flash
  - Hindu deities
  - Margun
  - Irwin of the P.G.A.
  - Actor Quinn
  - Struggle (through)
  - Sharp
  - Kind of arrangement
  - Magnon
  - "Friends" role
  - Ristorante offering
  - Blissful
  - Impresses deeply
  - Lower the charges on
  - Escape, in a way
- DOWN**
- Entry requirement, at times
  - More contiguous
  - Gibberish
  - Rumpus
  - Shrub of the rose family
  - Friendly term of address
  - Vivify
  - Can't decide which way to go
  - Eclipse, for one
  - Word after may-
  - 1980's TV group with a van
  - Sachet locale
  - Confrontational
  - Provokes
  - Like some testimony

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

BE BRAVE ROTATES  
AQUARIA EVASIVE  
BUSINESSPARTNER  
BALL STEAL ATTRA  
ITA LITS VEP  
TONS MATTS APSE  
TREATY HEADSETS  
LADIESDAY  
CREATORS THEOAR  
HERO GOTTO TALE  
AGA NAH TBS  
PUSH DOGES STET  
PLEASURESSEEKERS  
EARLOBE EATINTO  
DRSEUSS STETSON



Puzzle by Rich Norris

- 24 N.F.L. Hall of Famer — Larry
- 25 Had a spread
- 26 Narrow surfaces
- 27 Mug
- 28 Customer file entry
- 29 Channel surfer's position, maybe
- 30 Sells (for)
- 31 Red
- 32 Good's partner
- 33 Alexandra Feodorovna, for one
- 34 Defied
- 35 Pupil protector
- 36 Selfishness
- 37 Minneapolis suburb
- 38 Shrewish
- 39 Grease
- 40 Native Abbr.
- 41 Complete a street

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